

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Isn't it time to seriously review the media monopolies in this country? This is a prime example of that defective condition; no ONE person, no matter how rich nor how influential, has the right to influence the vote of any other person. This is a Constitutional law, isn't it? The FCC needs to step in now and correct this problem -- don't allow Pappas to even attempt to tell others how to cast their vote!

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.